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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the James Hardie Building Products, Inc. Kramer Hill Quartzite Quarry Project (NV-020-06-EA-22) and made it available for public review and comment. The EA can be reviewed online at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/NEPA/default.htm> or in hardcopy at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office. Hardcopies are also available upon request.

James Hardie Building Products, Inc. has been conducting a search for approximately 180,000 tons per year of +95% silica, for its manufacturing plant in McCarran, Nevada. This was done initially under a Winnemucca BLM approved Prospecting Permit. Based upon the results of their drilling and assays, they have selected the Osgood Mountain Quartzite outcropping on the south, and west sides of Kramer Hill, located approximately 1½ miles south of Golconda, NV.

James Hardie has since determined that the material is suitable for their manufactured product and is looking to purchase additional rock from this site over a long term mining project. They have submitted an application for a noncompetitive mineral material sale under the provisions of 43 CFR 3600. This application, if approved, would be for a period of up to five years or 200,000 cubic yards of material, whichever limit is reached first. The timeframe under this application could be up to six years if the allowed one-year extension was requested and granted.

The BLM would appreciate receiving comments on this proposal before the close of business January 12, 2007. Written comments should be directed to Robert L. Lutz, Geologist, BLM Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445-2921. Comments can also be submitted by email to NV\_WFO\_Webmail@nv.blm.gov. Email messages should include "Kramer Hill Quartzite Quarry EA" in the subject line.

Commenters wishing to have their names or addresses withheld from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must request this prominently at the beginning of their comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Anonymity is

not allowed for submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

After the public review has ended, comments will be analyzed and taken into consideration in the decision making process.

For further information, regarding this matter, please contact Robert L. Lutz at (775) 623-1540 or by email at [Robert\\_Lutz@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Robert_Lutz@nv.blm.gov).

Sincerely,

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Non-renewable Resources